convert the town into a model town. Of-course I know Government have in mind a fore-shore scheme. But I would prefer to have a Town Improvement Trust which could take up the question of improving the whole town.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* To institute a trust, I think, some Legislation will be necessary. If you initiate it, then it can be considered by the Council.

EDAVILANGU VILLAGE—LAND REVENUE FROM AND EXPENDITURE ON

288. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the Land Revenue from the Village of Edavilangu, and also the amount spent therein on account of improvement of the means of communication for every one of the last six years ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* A statement showing the required information is appended *(Appendix V).*

MALAYALAM IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE—ANCIENT KERALA SCRIPTS—PUBLICATION OF

289. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Malayalam Improvement Committee have published a book called " The Ancient Kerala Script ";

(*b*) is the author of the work a Cochinite ;

(*c*) if not, was there nobody in Cochin State who could have been entrusted with the publications of the work ;

(*d*) what is the total amount spent for publication of the work ;

(*e*) are the Government aware of any authoritative articles published on the subject elsewhere ;

(*f*) if there are other works available, how is the present publication an improvement on them ;

(*g*) does the President of the Committee know any of the ancient scripts of Kerala ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) They have published a book called " പുരാതന കേരള ലിപികൾ " or " Ancient Kerala Scripts ".

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APPENDIX IV

(Please see answer to question No. 283)

Statement showing the budgetted estimate and the total actual expenditure incurred by Government under the budget head "38—Miscellaneous—Political Expenditure" during the years 1113 and 1114

	Head of Account	*Budget estimate*	*1113 Total actual expenditure incurred*	*Budget estimate*	*1114 Total actual expenditure incurred*
		Rs.	*Rs. A. P.*	*Rs.*	*Rs. A. P.*
1.	Political Expenditure—Subscriptions and donations ..	24,100	31,524—15— 1	20,000	19,966—5—1
2.	Do. Entertainment of State Guests ..	10,000	10,169— 4—10	10,000	49,203—2—4
3.	Do. Other charges	8,000	34,420— 4— 9	50,000	30,943—9—6

APPENDIX V

(Please see answer to question No. 288)

Year	*Amount of revenue realised*			*Amount spent for improvement of communication*		
	Rs.	*A.*	*P.*	*Rs.*	*A.*	*P.*
1109	.. 7,700	0	3	437	0	0
1110	.. 8,368	7	5	153	0	0
1111	.. 8,37	3	2	301	0	0
1112	.. 9,505	6	7	980	0	0
1113	.. 9,515	4	2	1,985	5	0
1114	.. 9,534	2	0	6,433	7	6

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